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Information

1. On 1 September 1954, jeep with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets was parked in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building in St.Poelten (O 49/W 88). The building was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the Franz Josef Kaserne, which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets, included trucks

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 all drivers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two T-34/85 tanks whose turret and whose noses and guns pointed to the west waited south of Camp Spratzern. A small table with a radio set was observed east of the tanks. The tanks whose drivers were exchanged for each training mission repeatedly left toward the west and carried out turns between yellow sticks which were set up there. One tank passed over a small platform which was formed by wooden beams. From the fact that the tanks made rapid and sharp turns it was believed that they received their orders from the radio set on the table.

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2. On 3 September 1954, truck the driver of which wore black-bordered red epaulets left the former Jaeger Kaserne in Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55) which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Six trucks were parked in the billeting area. During lunch time, driving-school trucks

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 were parked in front of the former building of the Landesregierung (district administration), which was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck was parked in the Kattner settlement which was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Only little activity was observed at the installation. The masts of the D/F station which was similar to a PKV-45-D/F station were being dismantled.

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 Comment. The motor vehicles observed in St.Poelten belong to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, major elements of which were still at the Doellersheim training grounds. The vehicles seen in Eisenstadt belong to the driver's school of the Central Group of Forces which is known to be stationed there.

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